

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 17, 2005

S. 819

Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 28, 2005

S. 819 would authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to reallocate the construction costs of Pactola Dam and Reservoir from irrigation purposes to municipal and industrial and fish and wildlife purposes. This would allow the bureau to provide water to Rapid City, South Dakota, under a new contract that would replace expired contracts for supplemental irrigation and municipal and industrial water. CBO estimates that enacting S. 819 would not have a significant effect on the federal budget.

Enacting this legislation would allow the bureau to enter into a new water service contract that would generate a small increase in receipts over existing interim contracts. Based on information from the bureau, CBO estimates that increase in contract payments would be about \$100,000 annually. Such payments are recorded in the budget as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending).

S. 819 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this bill would benefit the Rapid Valley Irrigation District by reallocating the construction costs of Pactola Dam and Reservoir from irrigation purposes to municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes.

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